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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC, plans on constructing the Grain Belt Express Line, a 750-mile overhead transmission line that would carry electricity produced by Kansas wind farms across portions of Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The central Illinois portion of the transmission line would span the entire width of the State, including Macoupin, Montgomery and Christian Counties in the 95th Legislative District; and

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WHEREAS, The majority of the energy transported along the transmission line will benefit consumers on the East Coast and will not be used by rate payers in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The transmission line will likely have a detrimental impact on landowners in these areas, as the transmission towers will decrease the value of their land and will make it more difficult for them to farm their property; and

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WHEREAS, Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC has, in the past, submitted to the United States Department of Energy an application for "Federal Siting Authority", which would grant

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1 the company the powers of eminent domain; and

2 WHEREAS, The powers of eminent domain would allow a private
3 company to seize land from private landowners that refuse to
4 grant easements to their property that would allow construction
5 of the transmission line; and

6 WHEREAS, Anything that encroaches upon the property rights
7 of individual land owners in Illinois needs to be carefully
8 considered before being enacted; and

9 WHEREAS, On April 10, 2015, Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC
10 submitted an application to the Illinois Commerce Commission
11 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity; and

12 WHEREAS, On November 13, 2015, the Illinois Commerce
13 Commission approved the project with certain conditions that
14 must be met by Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC; therefore, be
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16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Clean Line
18 Energy Partners, LLC to not file an application for eminent
19 domain proceedings and urge State and federal courts to reject
20 any request for eminent domain authority; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 delivered to Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC.